

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

April 5, 2010

VIA EFS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2010 in connection with the present application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.